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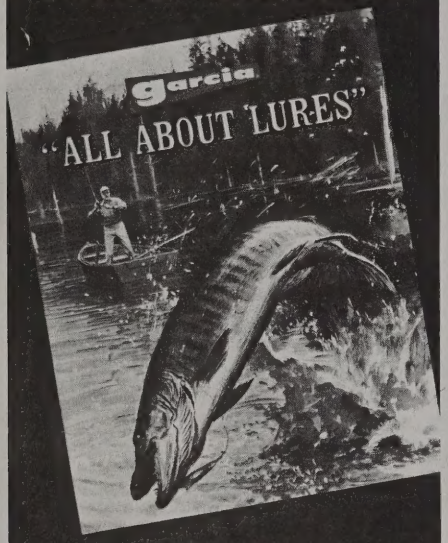

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REPORT ON N.Y. STATE'S FISH HATCHERIES

New York State's 1971 fish hatchery production and stocking of trout and warmwater fish is expected to at least equal last year's levels, Henry L. Diamond, Commissioner of Environmental Conservation announced.

The budgetary squeeze that earlier threatened hatchery operation was resolved by the Legislature's passage of a sportsmen-sponsored $1.00 increase in all resident fishing and hunting licenses. Passage of this legislature and the supplemental budget and their signing by Governor Rockefeller assured Department operation this year of 16 hatcheries. A study is now underway by the Department to determine which hatcheries will be modernized to meet statewide stocking requirements.

"The threat of the closing of fish hatcheries this year," Commissioner Diamond said, "dramatizes for us the importance the public places on these facilities. They not only produce fish, but they serve as a focal point for community environmental concern.

"Literally tens of thousands of people expressed their support for the hatchery program as a symbol of not only good fishing but good ecology. In our review of the hatchery program, we are going to explore ways of expanding this community service role and making the hatcheries centers of environmental education and interest as well as continuing their fish production role."

Last year the hatcheries produced and stocked more than 5.7 million trout and salmon, totaling 524,000 pounds, of which 430,000 pounds were fish seven inches or longer. Warmwater production

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amounted to more than 320 million fish, mostly walleye sac fry (316 million). There were also four million muskellunge sac fry and 1,853 musky fingerlings, eight inches and above.

Muskellunge production at the Chautauqua Hatchery is going well this season with 200,000 fish averaging one inch stocked in nine locations this spring. Approximately 25,000 six-inch fingerlings are being raised for scheduled stocking in late summer. While they are growing to this size, they will eat more than 30,000,000 minnows.

Trout and salmon which do not require live food consume about 1.2 million pounds a year of commercially produced fish food pellets.

Thousands of visitors tour the hatcheries every year. The hatcheries are open seven days a week and are manned 24 hours a day, but most tourists like to visit during normal working hours when they can watch the fish being fed and talk to hatchery personnel. Hatcheries are open to the public at no charge.

Locations are as follows:

Cattaraugus County: Randolph Hatchery located at East Randolph.

Chatauqua County: Located at Prendergast Point on Chautauqua Lake.

Chenango County: South Otselic Hatchery located at South Otselic.

Essex County: Crown Point Hatchery at Crown Point Center.

Franklin County: Adirondack Hatchery located at Saranac Inn; Chateaugay Hatchery (off Route 11) one mile east of Chateaugay.

Fulton County: Johnstown Hatchery (on Route 29A), 1½ miles southeast of Gloversville.

Herkimer County: Van Hornesville Hatchery located at Van Hornesville.

Livingston County: Caledonia Hatchery, located at Caledonia.

Nassau County: Cold Spring Harbor Hatchery (on Route 25A) one mile south of Cold Spring Harbor.

Oneida County: Rome Hatchery (on Route 46) four miles north of Rome.

Oswego County: Oneida Hatchery located at Constantia.

Saratoga County: Lake George Hatchery (off Route 9) seven miles south of Glen Falls.

Steuben County: Bath Hatchery (off Route 54) three miles northeast of Bath.

Sullivan County: Catskill Hatchery (off Route 17) eight miles northeast of Livingston Manor.

Warren County: Warrensburg Hatchery (off Route 9) two miles northwest of Warrensburg.

TUNA CONTEST SLATED BY SQUADRON ANGLERS

The Squadron Anglers of Seaford are sponsoring an open tuna tournament for men and women on Saturday and Sunday, September 18th and 19th. Entry fee is $10 and there will be prizes and trophies for men and women. Fishing from both Fire Island and Jones Inlets will be permitted. Tony "Raja" Avellino, 17 Anchor Drive, Massapequa, 11758, is tournament chairman, and entry blanks and further information may be obtained by writing to him.

Here is the Wekatchum Fishing Club gathered around Tom Daly and his first striped bass. The club fished aboard Capt. George Bird's "Blue Fin." The 28 lb. bass was taken off the Atlantic Highlands.

Walter Lundstrom, of the Glen Cove Anglers, receives individual trophy and club award from Wade Denning for besting all other anglers in the annual four club bass derby, competed in by the Manhasset Bay Sportsman, Matinecock Rod & Gun Club, Glen Cove Anglers and the Mill River Rod & Gun Club, with his 28½ lb. striper. Caught deep off Matinecock Point on a Alou Eel, it got close contention from Kenny Vanvelsor's (Mill River Club) 28, 25 and 24 lb. bass taken in Oyster Bay. The Manhasset Club hosted the Sunday morning breakfast for the weary anglers.

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Fresh Water Angling BY AL CROSS

As any good bass fisherman knows, the season for large and small mouth bass here on Long Island opens on June 19th and stays open until November 30th. He is allowed a daily limit of six fish and each fish has to be at least 10 inches or longer. Let's look at the action.

Starting on the very eastern tip of the Island in a place known more for its saltwater fishing, and in particular for another type of bass known to saltwater buffs as the striper, is the town of Montauk. This celebrated saltwater port has two ponds that rate very high on any freshwater bass fisherman's list. They are Big Reed Pond and Fort Pond. Coming back just slightly west of the Hither Hills State Park, you'll find another freshwater pond. All three ponds are excellent spots and definitely merit attention.

Another spot that I feel is very worthy of attention is the lake on Shelter Island. It is one of the only spots left that still contains small mouth. Give it a try. I highly recommend it.

Watermill Pond on Montauk Highway in Watermill is another spot worth looking into. Also give Long Pond, in another saltwater port - Sag Harbor - a try. It too is a good spot. Big Fresh Pond in North Sea is also worth investigating.

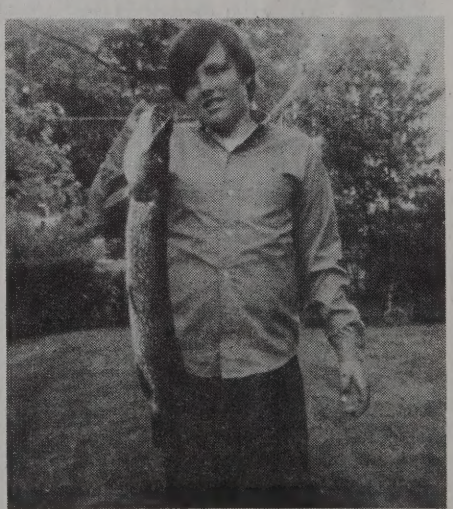
For anyone who likes river fishing, Peconic River in Riverhead still rates very high and row boats and bait can be obtained along the river. Peconic Lake and Forge Pond are also great. Lake Ronkonkoma and Belmont Lake both should be rated together because of the daytime park activities at both places. I recommend you try them early mornings or evenings for best results, although Belmont closes its park at dark. I took my largest Long Island-caught bass about three years ago in Belmont Lake one evening in the little cove by the boat dock. He weighed 8 lbs. 4 ozs.

Weld Pond in Smithtown is a great producer of big bass, but is restricted to Suffolk County residents only. Argyle Pond in Babylon and the lake on the north and south sides of Sunrise Highway in Oakdale near the Bayard Cutting Arboretum both hold big bass, but they are pretty hard to come by.

Nassau County has a couple of lakes worth mentioning. Twin Ponds in Wantagh used to be good, but it's been a while since I have tried it or checked it personally. If you're in the area, give it a try and let me know how you make out. Another spot that holds old memories for me is the Mill Pond in Bellmore. I took my first large bass there. Give it a whirl. One last spot you might try is Smith Pond in Rockville Centre. I still remember a day walking along its shore and watching hundreds of large bass going through their mating habits along its shore.

So there you have a pretty good rundown of all Long Island Lakes. A lot of them can be fished by small boat, but check your local laws before you launch. A good idea for all serious freshwater fishermen is to mail a request to your local Fish & Game Association. I think for a small fee they will still mail you a map of your local ponds and all points of access to them.

Ricky and Walter Stuven fished the Walkill River just off Route 32 upstate, N.Y. for these 3 to 6½ lb. carp. The old stand-by 'dough-balls' was the bait that worked.



Robert Key of Freeport shows a 5 lb. 6 oz. Northern Pike which he caught on a recent trip upstate.

HERE'S METHOD BLACK BASS PROS USE TO MAKE PLASTIC WORMS WEEDLESS

This simple four-step method is used by most members of the Bass Anglers Sportsman Society's professional Bass Fishing circuit for rigging a weedless plastic worm. The needed materials are: Plastic worm (using the longer 8 to 9 inch size), a 4/0 or 5/0 hook, a 1/4 to 3/4 ounce slip sinker (depending on the fishing depth), and at least 20 pound monofilament line.

Nope, they don't expect to catch many "20-pound bass," but these bass pros fish the roughest cover they can find. These spots, like log jams, stumps, sunken tree tops, etc., are where the bigger bass are found.

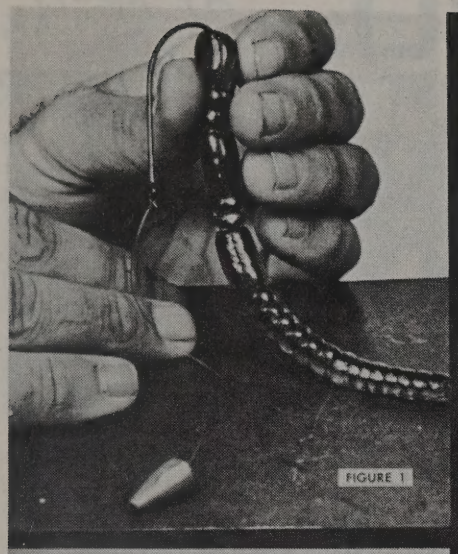
Here's how to rig the weedless worm: Step 1 - run the line through the slip sinker as shown, and tie line to the hook. Push the point of the hook into the center of the worm head. Step 2 - bring the barb of the hook through the worm about a 1/2 inch. Step 3 - pull the hook through the worm until the eye of the hook just remains embedded in the plastic. Now, rotate the hook until the point is toward the worm. Step 4 - push the hook barb back into the worm as shown. Stop just before the hook point comes out on the other side. This achieves a "weedless lure." For proper action, make sure the worm hangs straight with the line.

Reports gathered by the Bass Anglers Sportsman Society in 23 national Bass Tournaments over the country show the plastic worm to be the "deadliest bass bait." Over 95% of the bass reported were taken on plastic worms.

Fishing tips and ideas such as this will be the feature of a 2½ hour Bass Fishing Seminar in the New York area on July 8th. The Bass Anglers Sportsman Society (BASS) will conduct the program at 7:30 p.m. at the Student Center at the Hofstra University in Hempstead. The program will be hosted by the Long Island Bassmasters. The BASS Society has over 37,000 members with national headquarters in Montgomery, Ala. The program is open to any interested fisherman. Tickets are $2.00 with small-fry under 12 admitted free.

The panel of BASS experts will feature discussions by Roland Martin, winner of the 1970 Seminole Lunker Tournament in Florida, and John Powell, winner of the last two national BASS tournaments.

How-to talks will include techniques to locate bass on a lake, use of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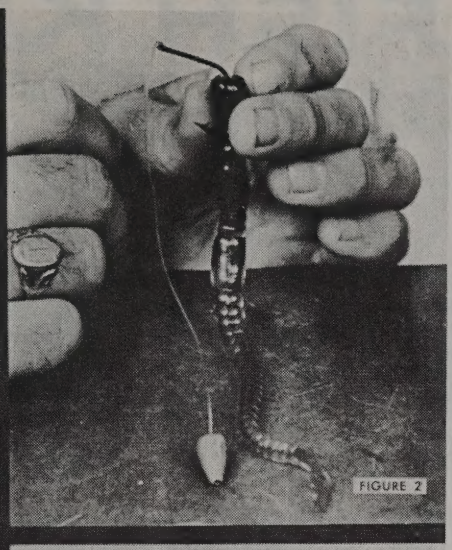
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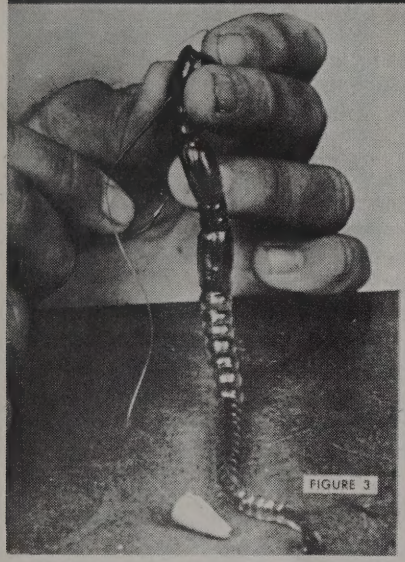
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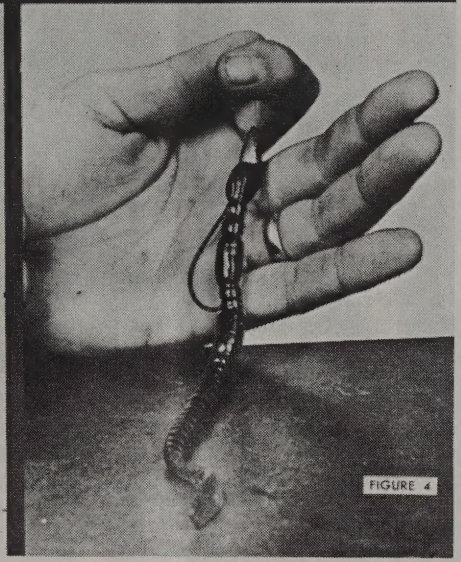
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depth finders, methods for catching bass in so called "worm holes," correct bass tackle, stalking bass in shallows with plastic worms in hot weather, and fishing bass migration routes.

Even the experts would like to find out Thomas Sharpe's secret. Who's Thomas Sharpe? He's the fellow who caught the world record red-eye bass that will be on display. Sharpe caught his world record bass on March 24, 1967, out of Hallawakee Creek, Ala., weighing 6½ pounds.

The unique fishing school will also feature three color movies of interest to all fishermen. An underwater film, "Still Waters," gives the fish's eye-view of fishing and shows bass actually strike lures, feed on frogs, and what actually takes place at spawning time.

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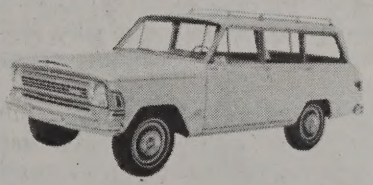

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BY FRED GUARDINEER

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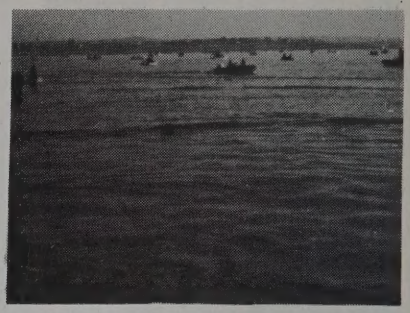
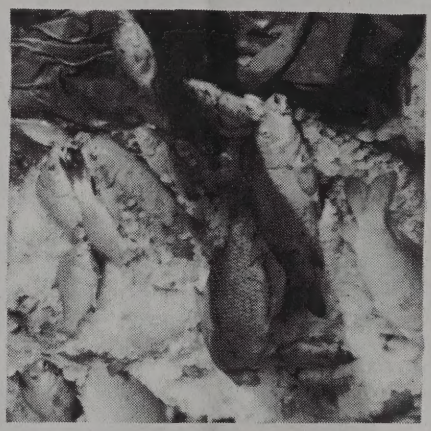
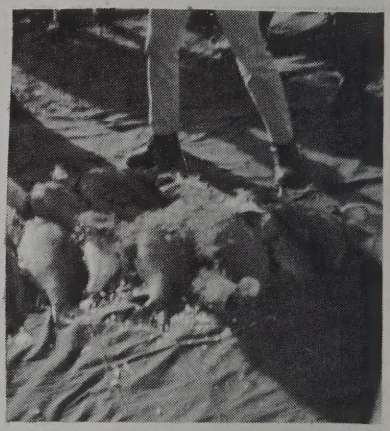
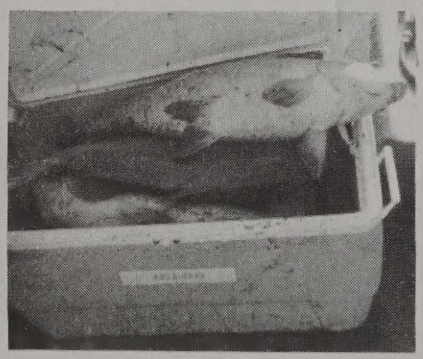
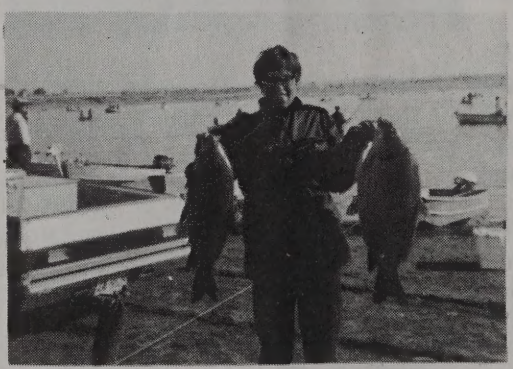
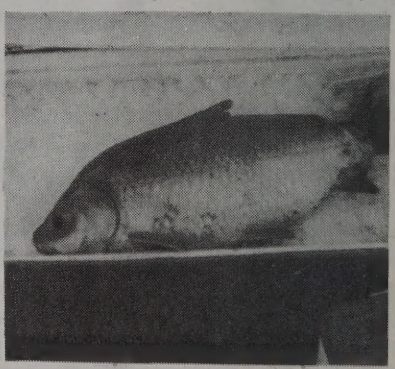


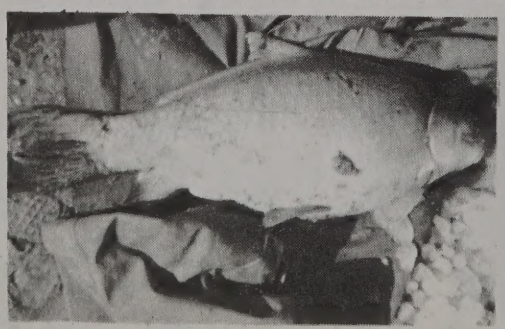
IT WAS WIDELY ADVERTISED THAT ON APRIL 21, LBJ LAKE IN AUSTIN, TEXAS, WOULD GET 10,000 GALS. OF ROCHNONE AND 20,000 ANGLERS SHOWED UP AT 7AM TO GET THEIR FISH.

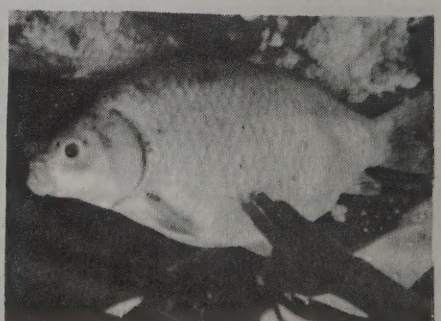



ROCHNONE TAKES THE OXYGEN OUT OF THE WATER AND ALL THE FISH ARE STUNNED AND POP OUT OF THE WATER TO BREATHE. THIS IS DONE TO GET RID OF TRASH FISH AND TO RE-STOCK. ON HAND TO REPORT THIS "FISH KILL" FOR THE L.I. FISHERMAN WAS JOHN SCHAEFER OF BABYLON, A MARINE BIOLOGY STUDENT AT SAN MARCUS UNIVERSITY. ABOVE ARE SAMPLES OF BASS, CARP, CATFISH, WHITE BASS AND BUFFALO CAUGHT BY TREBLE HOOKS, NETS, CANE POLES ETC.

EACH ANGLER CAUGHT A COUPLE OF HUNDRED FISH INCLUDING JOHN SCHAEFER, CENTER, WITH A 21 LB. CARP AND 23 LB. BUFFALO. LEFT, CARP, AND RIGHT, AN 18 LB. BUFFALO.





OTHER BIG FISH – 21 LB. BUFFALO, BIG CARP, AND RIGHT, A 22 LB. CARP-LIKE BUFFALO.

PLUGGIN' AROUND

BY AL REINFELDER

RAY'S BOULDERS

The two boys, Johnny and Jesse, were scurrying about the buggy. Tommy was making sandwiches, using the tailgate as a table. She had spread eight slices of rye on a linen cloth and systematically layered these with mayonnaise, baloney, lettuce, salt and pepper. When I heard the soft pop of the beer can I knew lunch was ready.

We had stopped to eat at this non-descript point along the beach because it was Sunday and we wished to avoid the clusters of buggies at the usual Montauk gathering places. The beach was lined with windows of kelp and eel grass. Among the black tangles, whitened woods and broken shells glistened under the intense light of an early afternoon sun. It was so flat that no surf piled up to dump suds along the shore.

The boys stopped playing long enough to enjoy the meal, but it wasn't long before Johnny was back at work on a sand castle and Jesse lost himself in the development of the ancient art of stone skimming. One particularly well-thrown disc slapped the resting blue sea three times before it plunked in for the last time. My eye had followed the line of throw. Beyond the thin rings of the final splash a dark shadow lay beneath the silky water. A huge rock lay deep beneath the flooded shore. It was high tide.

Off to the right I spotted a few more indications of underwater stones, and not far to the right a small point of dark brown boulders crowded about a slight outward thrust of the long crescent of sandy beach.

A fine place to plug, I thought. After the meal I rigged a plug up and waded out into the cool ocean. The big swimmer sailed out among the hulking ruins of what was once a great mass of rock - and which, before that, was the muddy bottom of an ancient sea. I was reminded of what Ray Prescott said one summer evening as we worked lures along the sunken extension of Matinecock Point and the rise and fall of a gentle Sound heave created white boiling pockets around the rocks so rich in angling legend: "It's history coming out of the rocks!" Ray, who is more than just slightly touched by the mad muse of fishermen, had hit on a basic theme of shoreline fishing. The rocks stay fixed for long periods of time, and unlike the shifting bars of inlets, every one can take and hold a name. Evan's Rock, Blackfish Rock, Sow and Pigs, the Elephant Herd, Saw Touth, Ring, Weakfish Rock, Big Rock all tell stories. Life has swirled around them as have the tides. Rocks have history.

Nothing rose to my lure after about fifteen minutes of careful attention to the presentation, so I returned to the jeep. I would work the rocks later, from the boat. Only I never did get back. I hooked fish near the outer rips and forgot all about the hidden pocket of boulders.

I never got back there during the following spring either because I always had a tide to make elsewhere, or the damn wind was so wild that I feared to drift along off the ragged point. Then summer came and Ray wanted to borrow the boat for his vacation. Fine. I supplied him with the lures and rods I felt he'd need, as well as with a map of the area marked up with the location of holes and rips.

The week was over and Ray told of his wonderful week of plugging. Only he wasn't exactly sure where he was. He described some place which I thought I knew, and that was that.

That was that until last fall when Ray and I were out east helping Lee Wulff decide on whether or not a striped bass movie would be a sensible thing for the master fisherman and filmmaker to produce. It was then that Ray pointed to where he had raised and caught any number of good bass on plugs. "You got 'em there?" I gulped, not out of surprise that there were fish to be caught in this little corner, but that I had not been smart enough to get there first.

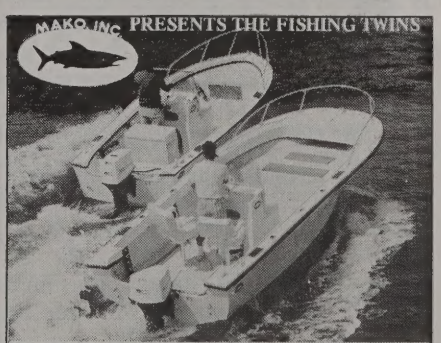
The camera boat was a big McKenzie, so it was not possible for us to try for movie shots at the rocky area. But at dusk, we let the others go in ahead and we sneaked in among the jutting stones. Our lures arced in among the house-like structures, and like muggers leaping from dark corners, the bass came to molest our lures. We didn't, as Al Ristori would say, "load up," nor did we, like Artie Wickers likes to do, "do a job," but we did, like Bruce Haase says, "poach a few." It was good pluggin' and we had to name the spot.

Since Ray did it first, we called the place, "Ray's Boulders." It's not called anything on the maps and charts, and no fishermen I know has another name for the place, though it would not surprise me if there were at least another hundred names for the stoney section of Montauk beach.

Not long after we christened the place we read, in the Long Island Fisherman, of all places, that Don Miller and Rich Reina had, as Don likes to say, "boffed a few," at a place they did not name, but which they described perfectly as Ray's Boulders.

The moral of this rambling tale is important. In fact, it is more important than the location of Ray's Boulders, which I am not about to give. (Because it is so unimportant and will only detract from the true point of the article.) The moral is this: Even in this late day in angling history, and at such a well used place as Montauk, discoveries still wait to be made. Not big ones, like that huge stripers like to feed at Shagwong on outgoing water under late fall moons. Or that the south shore rocks hold a good summer population of big bass. But little discoveries which are particularly thrilling in an age when magazines, newspapers, weeklies, radio programs and tv shows all try to pump you full of fishing "how-to."

Just think how lucky you are not to know where Ray's Boulders are, and that because of this you have at least one place to discover for yourself.



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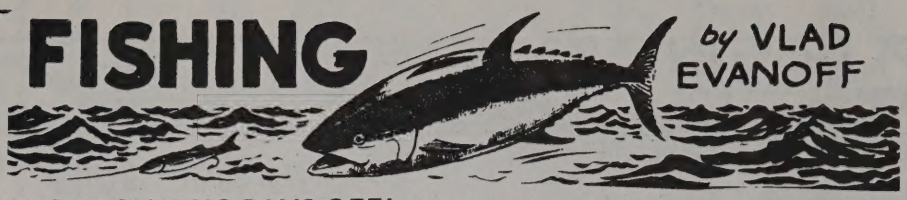

by VLAD EVANOFF

NIGHT FISHING PAYS OFF!

With the summer months coming up, many salt-water anglers do more and more night fishing. At least the veteran or regular anglers will. Some casual or occasional anglers rarely fish at night. They don't know what they are missing in the way of sport and action.

Fish of many kinds, including game-fish and bottom species, can be caught at night from piers, bridges, boats, shore and surf. In fact, fish such as striped bass are often easier to fool at night and take a lure more readily than in the daytime. And bigger fish are usually caught at night than in the daytime.

But besides the better fishing, night fishing offers other advantages. You have fewer anglers on the water or along the beaches to contend with. Hence there is less competition and your lures or baits have a greater chance of being seen and taken by fish. It is only logical that with hundreds of lines in the water, the odds are against you.

Also, during the summer months, surf anglers find that fishing is prohibited or impossible on most beaches; so they wait until dark before they go surf fishing. This works out well because surf fishing is often good at night.

And at night you don't have to worry about sunburn and it gets cooler and many city anglers like to get away for a few hours of fishing after dark. Winds also tend to die down at sundown and the water is usually calmer.

But the main reason for going fishing at night is as mentioned earlier, you'll have good fishing and often catch more and bigger fish than in the daytime. I've always caught bigger stripers at night in the surf than in the daytime. Most surf fish come in closer to shore at night and you don't have to cast as far as in the daytime. Besides stripers, you can often catch bluefish, weakfish and kingfish at night.

Surf anglers who haven't done much night fishing often wonder how you can cast, how you can locate fish, how you can land or beach a fish and do any of the other things necessary to catch fish in the surf at night. After you have fished the surf at night for a period of time, you'll find that many of these things come naturally. You'll have to do a lot of things by "feel" rather than depend on sight. When casting you can't see the lure traveling through the air or see where it lands. You can't be sure you are hitting the spot you are trying to reach. This is more important in a rocky area than along a sand beach. But it is surprising how your eyes soon become accustomed and adjusted to the dark and you'll be able to see some rocks sticking up and even an occasional splash showing where the lure lands.

Locating fish in the surf is more difficult at night because you rarely see them breaking or see any birds working. This is why it is best to fish a beach or shore that you are familiar with rather than a strange spot. Once you know a certain spot thoroughly from daytime fishing, you will find it much easier to fish at night because you'll know how deep the water is at different stages of the tide, you'll know the location of the sand bars, holes, rocks, reefs, rips and other conditions which affect the fishing.

The same thing applies to fishing jetties and breakwaters. If you have fished certain rockpiles during the daytime and have taken fish from them, you can go back at night and catch more fish. Fish such as striped bass often lie along the sides of the jetties or feed in the rips and tides formed at the front or end of the rocks. So be prepared for hits or strikes close in, almost at your feet. The same thing is often true along sand beaches. Stripers will often follow a lure up to the beach and hit it just before it disappears in the wash.

Certain lures are better than others for night fishing in the surf. For big stripers you can't beat plastic eels or rigged eels. Surface plugs such as swimmers, poppers and darters worked on top are all good. Underwater plugs of various types can also be used for stripers, bluefish and weakfish. Any lure used at night should be reeled and worked much slower than in the daytime. You have to give the fish time to see the lure and catch up to it.

Natural baits such as sandworms, bloodworms, clams, squid, shedder crabs, pieces or strips cut from fish can all be used at night to catch the various species that feed at night.

Boat anglers also find that they often catch more and bigger fish at night. Striped bass casting or trolling often pays off after dark and before daybreak. They have less competition from other boats and can fish the way they want to. Of course, these days it is rare to have a good spot to yourself, even at night. But at least you can be pretty certain that any angler out at night is usually skilled at boat handling and fishing and knows what he is doing. You can work a spot together and still take some fish. In the daytime everybody is out and too much traffic can ruin the fishing, especially if some of the boats do the wrong things.

Bluefishing is often good at night, especially when chumming at some of the more popular spots off Long Island and New Jersey. Here you'll often see fleets of boats drifting or anchored and they can often be seen for miles. The lights from the larger party boats really light up the sky. Bigger bluefish are usually caught at night rather than in the daytime.

You can also catch a lot of fish on the bottom at night. Some fish such as blackfish and flounders are rarely caught. But you can catch porgies, kingfish, weakfish, whiting, ling and eels at night.

You can even try fishing offshore at night for big stuff. Sharks often feed more and bite better at night. It is a well known fact that billfish such as swordfish and marlin feed at night, and drifting a dead or live bait down deep may interest them. Naturally, fighting a big fish from a boat at night is more difficult in the dark. And it could be more dangerous in case of a mishap or trouble with the boat. Most offshore anglers enjoy trolling, cruising and watching the marine life and scenery in the daytime, which cannot be done at night.

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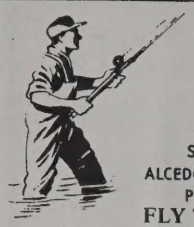

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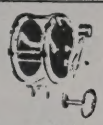

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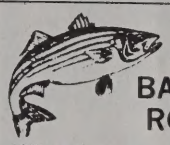

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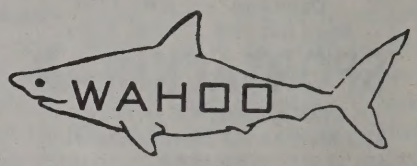

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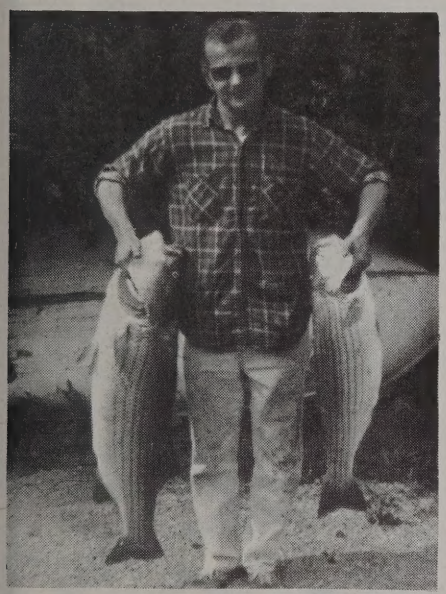

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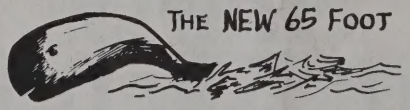

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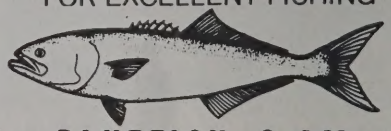

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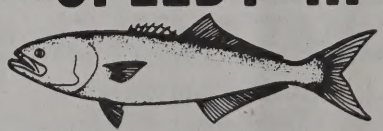

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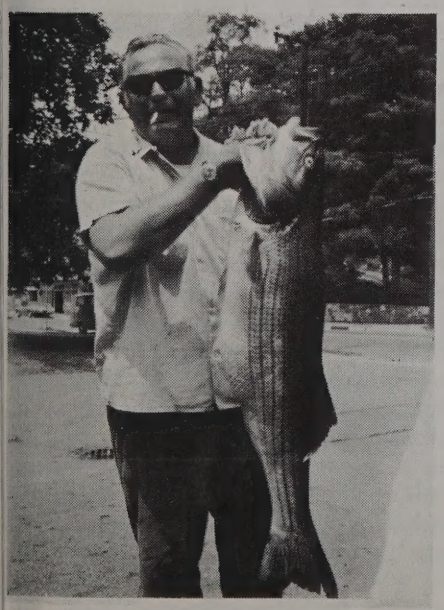
These Sandy Hook lunker bass were caught aboard the "San-Jo," owned by Joe Carter. Joe caught a 31 lb. striper while Joe DiMaggio bagged a 28 lb. 14 oz. bass and Ben Schulman knocked off a 39 lb. 13 oz. and a 26½ lb. bass.



Dick Schneider took this 33 pounder off Center Island and on the following day topped it with a 37 lb. 13 oz. bass.

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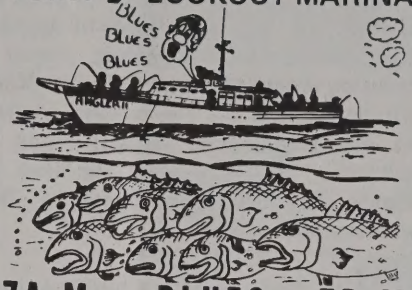

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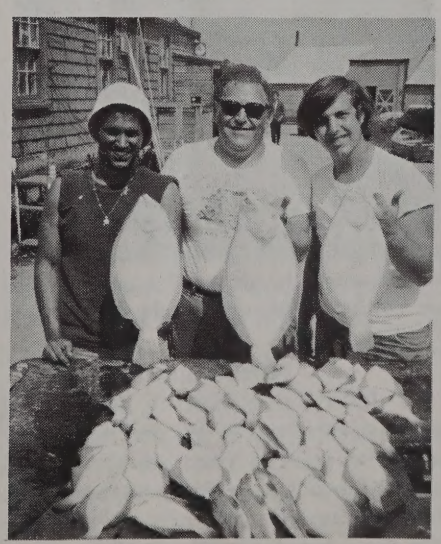


Ralph Brown, his son Allen, and Nelson Ramos caught this mess of fish in East Moriches. They fished out of Skidmore's Fishing Station.

CONNECTICUT SCENE

BY DICK ALLEY

MAMARONECK

I was a little bit suspicious when Fred Archer announced that no blues had showed in Westchester waters to date. He didn't sound a bit sad. A moment later, my suspicions were confirmed when he gleefully countered with, "Now Dick, ask me about the bass."

Only a few hours earlier, Fred had weighed in a 50 lb. 5 oz. lunker linesider, and as Fred's Mamaroneck Fishing Station is an official weighing station for the R.J. Schaefer Salt Water Contest, this will be the first fish topping the 50 lb. mark weighed in from this area for the year. DAN CATALANO of Rye, N.Y. was the angler, and reports have it that Dan scored on a cut-up chunk of bunker. Congratulations Dan!

Bass are the big story in this area, and they're being picked up on virtually everything from lures, to bunkers, to sandworms. Daytime trollers are scoring heavily with nice schoolies in the six to eight pound class. Blacks are holding in well.

Dr. Sol Merl with the 42 lb. bass he caught on a bunker.

GREENWICH

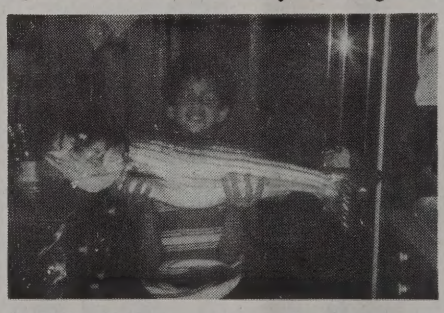
The pattern was set in Westchester and continues through this entire report. Sol Merl, a Mamaroneck resident who moors his boat in Greenwich, weighed in his trophy at the Sportsman's Den. This fish scaled 42 lbs. and also flopped for a bunker. Rudy Biagi continued his streak, and Howie Tichauer teamed up with Ronnie Stahl to troll up 25 bass in three mornings using a sandworm-spinner combo; the top fish went 12 lbs. Then Ronnie took his dad, Bill Stahl Sr. along for his first trip in a couple of decades. Bill, who is 68 years young, shared in bringing aboard nine bass to 15 lbs. Norm Strobel kicked off the tagging program in this community, tagging a pair of schoolies, and was soon followed by Howie Tichauer, who tagged his first quartet of linesiders.

STAMFORD

We spoke to Mrs. Chirillo at Pat's Marine, who was also excited about the bass explosion, and gave as an example Nick Mele's mornings catch of a sextet of stripers scaling 5 to 10 lbs. He nailed his trolling. She also reports that a few blues are coming in there, while blackfishing continues to be excellent. Some weakfish are also being taken.

DARIEN

Bert Van Sciver of the Bait Shop hardly has the time to change the address on his letterheads since moving into his new quarters at 99 Rowayton Ave., Rowayton, Conn., but he took the time to send along a photo of Frank Menegio Jr., a ten year old angler, who caught a 15 lb. striper darned near as big as he is. It was 33 inches long, hit a drifted sandworm from the shore at Weed Beach, Darien. Great fish Frankie! Bert himself was out cruising only yesterday, and reports seeing plenty of fussy blues swirling the surface, but only boating one.



Frank Menegio, Jr. and the 15 lb. bass he caught on a drifted sandworm from the shore at Weed Beach.

NORWALK

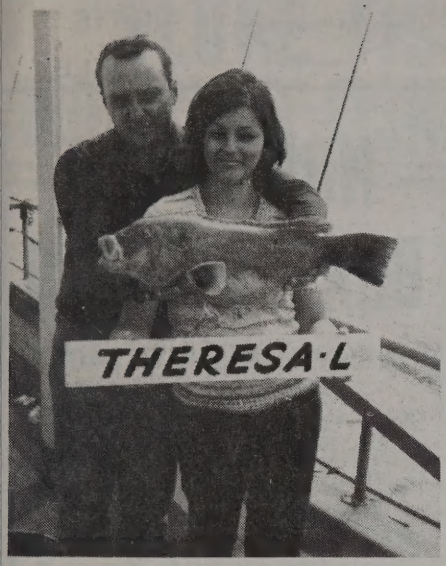
Bill's son at Hickory Bluff is still catching mackerel at this writing, so they aren't all gone as yet. Bill had a good report on bass, a very good report on blues, a few weaks coming in, and gave the first report on porgies along this shore. One of his customers caught some over the weekend, somewhere off Westport.

Henry Koffman of the Marble Rod & Gun Club, Riverside, N.Y., exhibits the 23½ lb. bass taken on a fiddler off the "Theresa-L" out of Norwalk.

George M. DiScala weighed in a 38 lb. striper at Four Winds B & T. It was believed taken on a sandworm. Gene Dailey also scored well drifting sandworms off Goose, and coming up with 10 bass from 4 to 7 lbs., and also one 3 lb. chopper. Many weakfish are being taken here, probably because more people are fishing for them in this locale. Hotspot is Calf Pasture Pier, and what could be nicer for shore-bound fishermen.

Of course the shore anglers have another alternative. They can take a ride with Capt. Tom Duscio on the new "Theresa L" out of Bell's Boat Yard, and enjoy catching blacks until his arms ache. Then he could get really lucky, like Henry Koffman, a member of the Marble Rod & Gun Club of Riverside, N.Y. A bass instead of a black picked up his fiddler crab, and after what Tom describes as the most exciting battle since the Theresa L moved to Norwalk, boated the 23½ lb. striper. Tom was really excited when he told the story and promises a photo. He also reports a few weaks to go along with the excellent blackfishing.

At Mola Bros. B & T, Bruce answered the phone but modestly handed it to his dad, Vin, who told how he and cousin Rick only that morning had brought in half a dozen lunkers scaling 37, 32, 15, 8, 9 and 10 lbs., all hitting bunkers. Vin himself reported taking 9 blues and an 8 lb. bass in mid-Sound the day before trolling wire, and told how Tommy Butler picked up a 41¾ lb. linesider, again halfway between the two shores while trolling wire for blues. A.J. Parisi scored on a 27 lb. fish with a bunker. Weaks are improving steadily, and Sheffield Island and Buoy 24 continue to produce mackerel.



Joe and Concetta Williams, of Yonkers, show off their 12 lb. blackfish caught in the Long Island Sound aboard the "Theresa-L." Capt. Tom Duscio said blackfishing is excellent at the present time. Both sides of the Sound are producing good fish.

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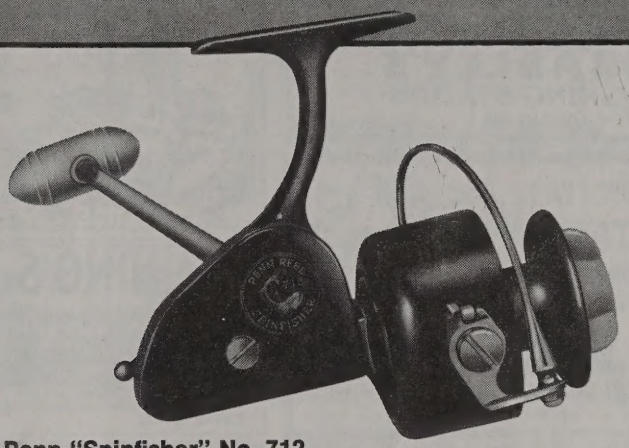

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WESTPORT

Blues blitzed the shore around Schlait's both morning and night on three different days this week. News from the Westport Tackle Shop also advises that weakfishermen are having limited success around Kits Island off Longshore. Big bass are also prevalent. Mac McElwee upped his score with a 32 lb. specimen, and an un-named angler, after fishing worms all night without success, tied on a dead bunker and proceeded to play the fish for 40 minutes before loosing it. Bass also hit Southport Harbor, but they wouldn't take plugs, says Ernie Nagy. Westporter Frank White fished with Dr. Paul Dreyfous off Montauk, and they boated 122 lbs. of bluefish on poppers before their arms gave out.

BRIDGEPORT

Plenty of bass on the prowl in Bridgeport waters. Louis Pacheco scored with a 34 lb. lunker. Ray Denesh landed a 25 lb. fish. R. Bruneau scaled an 18 lb. specimen and Glen Sierzak, a 14 year old beginning angler, caught his first striper, a trophy scaling 35 lbs. His dad caught one of those tiny 18 pounders on the same trip. All the above fish were caught at Seaside Park, and weighed in at Bob's Bait. Roy also tells us that blues moved into St. Mary's Thursday afternoon, and were hitting the Hopkins.

At the Sportsman's Den, Sto tells of weaks and blues being caught at Pleasure Beach. Fellow fly-rodder, Thurman Watson, who also happens to be very good with a spinning stick, managed some of the blues fishing a lure deep. A 2½ lb. weak was weighed in here by Don Fevrea, along with one weighing 3½ lbs., caught by Jim Goreschak at Long Beach.

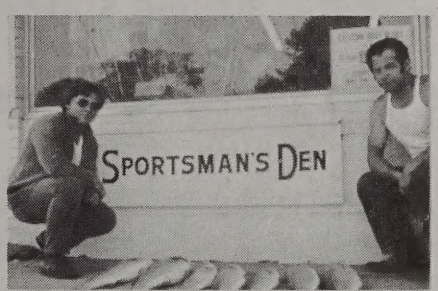
NEW HAVEN

Walt tells of big bass all week long along the West Haven and Milford beaches. Top fish was 29 lbs., weighed in by George Wakely, but several others over 20 lbs. came into the store. Larry Celino, who helps out at Outdoor Sports, was trolling worms off Milford and came up with five bass, the largest 12 lbs., but lost a real monster. Tony Centa was leaving when Larry arrived, and he had boated 17 fish.

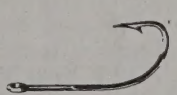
Harbor blues are hitting Pet Spoons and surgical tubes trolled deep off Charles Island and Faulkners Island, and if that doesn't keep you busy, there are plenty of blackfish available.

ORANGE

We called Bob Berger at Yankee Gun Shop, who like myself, prefers the smaller fish on light tackle and lures, and concluded after a long conversation that it's going to be another great year. Bob, like myself, is catching very few fish because of the methods we like to use, but we'll have our day.



Ronnie Stahl and Howie Tichauer with 7 bass to 12 lbs. caught trolling spinner-worms. The next day they caught 8 more bass (10 more the next).



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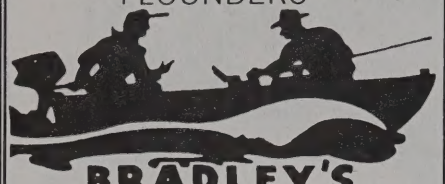

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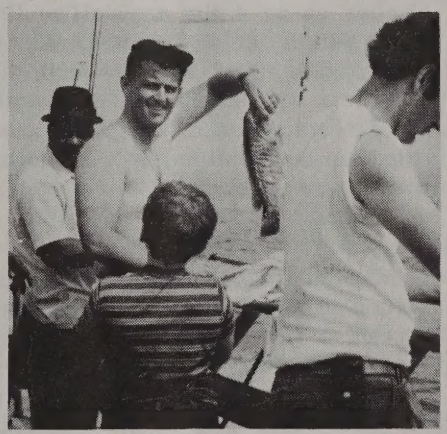
FRONT PAGE PHOTO

Mike Berman of Smithtown stands ready to help hoist his tournament winning 150 lb. swordfish to the scales at Nick's Marina in Shinnecock. (Tournament results detailed in news section.) Photo by John Hearst, Jr.



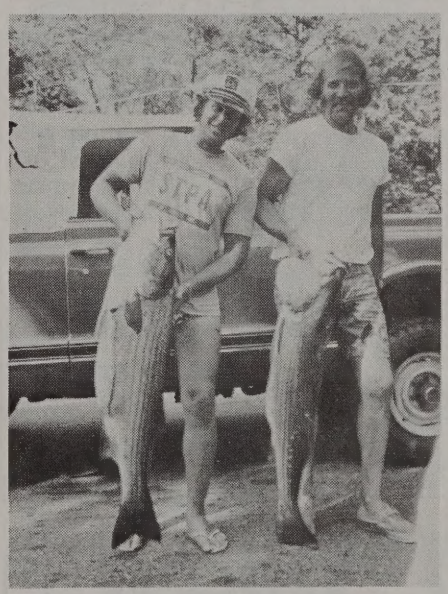
Dick Bohan of Edgewater, N.J. fished aboard the "Theresa L III" out of City Island. Blackfish were caught in good numbers in the Long Island Sound.

CITY ISLAND

Joanne Pedro of the Offshore Sports Shop reports weakfish are being caught in the area of the City Island Bridge. Worm baits are taking the weaks. Last night a 4 lb. bass took a clam bait under the bridge. Some bass are being taken at night at Harts Island. Worm drifters and trollers are doing best. Turkey bone lures are accounting for a few bass. Blackfish are plentiful at all the usual blackfish spots. Bluefish news has been scarce.

HEMPSTEAD HARBOR

Connie Miller at the Glenwood Marine & Tackle Shop said that although bottom fishing seems to have died out, many of the usual daytime anglers are finding weakfish and even small mackerel along the Glen Cove breakwater as well as Motts Point and other well known areas. Small metal lures are working on both. Bluefish are being trolled and plugged locally, however, the better fishing is across the Sound off of Rye. Wormers are still picking up school stripers and live bunkers account for at least one or two lunkers on a daily basis.



Al Weisinger, of the Sportsman Trading Post of America, and Dick Green weighed in their 38½ and 32½ lb. stripers at the Glenwood Tackle Shop. Both fish were caught off Center Island Reef last Saturday on live bunkers.

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COLD SPRING HARBOR

Harry Powles of the Vets Fishing Station reports there are plenty of fish around. Blackfish are being taken at any rocky area, especially at Whitewood Point. Porgies are hot at buoy 17B. Worm drifters are picking up weaks and stripers on both sides of the harbor. The weakfish are more abundant off Coopers Bluff. Bluefish are scarce but a few strays are being taken. The blues that are caught are usually 3 to 4 pounds.

NORTHPORT

Les Bunce at the Chainlocker reported that fishing has been a little slow. Porgy and blackfishing along the outside beaches has been fair but blues and stripers are few and far between. They are small fish, running 2 to 4 pounds.

SMITHTOWN

The Beacon Fishing Station reported that bluefish up to 4 lbs. are outside the harbor but as yet no large catches have been made. Blackfishing remains the best choice with fish up to 10 lbs. reported. Trollers and casters are getting some stripers in the mouth of the Nissequogue River.

PORT JEFFERSON

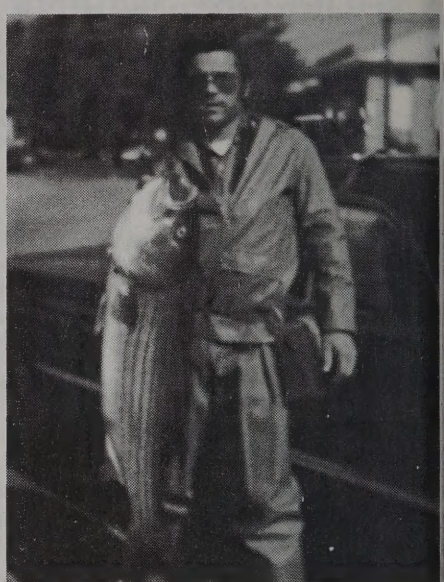
Charlie Caraftis of the Caraftis Fishing Station reported that although there appears to be plenty of bluefish offshore they are reluctant to take trolled lures. Stripo Jr.'s are taking a few but perhaps cut baits would work better. Blackfishing is still fair at Old Field, Crane's Neck, Mt. Misery and the Inlet Jetty. Porgies are in good quantity one mile offshore from Cedar Beach east to Wading River. Party and charter boats working out of Port Jeff are getting fair catches of blacks and porgies. Trolled spinners and worms are accounting for some school stripers in the harbor. A few weakfish and kingfish are also in the harbor and in the narrows of Conscience Bay.

NEW SUFFOLK

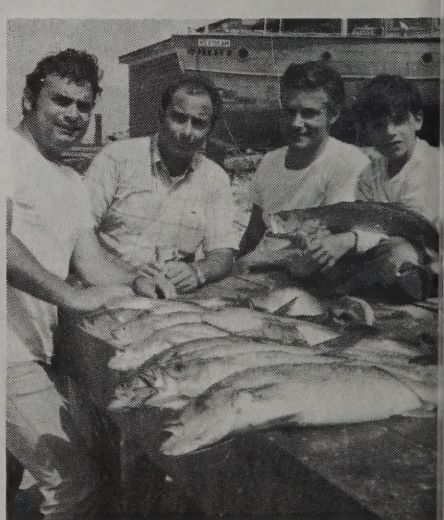
Capt. Marty's Fishing Station reported that some anglers did very well with the weakfish; and an improvement in porgy catches was also noted over the past week. At the Black Buoy in Cutchogue Harbor, three anglers from New Jersey using grass shrimp chum and squid bait caught over 200 weakfish.

SOUTHOLD - ORIENT POINT

Bill Lieblein, Jr. at the Port of Egypt Fishing Station reported an improvement in the weakfishing and a smattering of good porgy catches this past week. A Mr. Dudley and Mr. Vouchier fished the 90' hole off the Brickyard and caught 18 weaks, none under 2½ lbs., with the largest going 4¾ lbs. Bob, Henry and Doug Schlachter took advantage of the rising tide off buoys 14 and 15 and with squid baits they landed some 15 weakfish up to 5 lbs. The 5 pounder was the best seen to date at the fishing station. Buoy 17 at Jessups was another hot spot. At Paradise Point they have started to take 1 to 1¼ lb. porgies; not in any great quantity but definitely an improvement. Out at Orient Point some flounders and blackfish are available, however, their sizes are small. Kingfish are spotty. Sea robins are pesty throughout the bay and blowfish are starting to show.



Richard Bevil caught this 26 lb. striper from the surf at Reeves Beach, Riverhead. This fish was the largest of several bass including a lunker that got away.



Vic Mauro, Dave Neely, John and Mike Giar fortune caught 25 weakfish, 2 blues and 2 kings. They fished the Middle Grounds out c Capt. Marty's Fishing Station.

LONG ISLAND FISHING REEF FOUNDATION WINS AGAIN

This past weekend, two swordfish tournaments were held. The Long Island Swordfish Tournament was headquartered at the Deep Sea Club at Montauk. Mr. Arthur Klorfein, the director of the tournament, informed me that there were 105 boats entered and over 250 anglers participated.

The Shinnecock Swordfish Tournament was held at Nick's Marina in Hampton Bays. Wayne Meyerson, the marina manager, informed me that there were 39 boats entered and around 150 participating anglers.

Both tournaments donate their net profits to the Long Island Fishing Reef Foundation. The Foundation has built a reef about one mile from Shinnecock Inlet. Every year the reef is enlarged with the monies received from the tournaments.

The Long Island Swordfish Tournament is the largest open swordfish tournament in the world. The participants come from all along the East Coast, the Bahamas and Mexico.

Although the weather on Friday and Saturday wasn't ideal for spotting swordfish, Capt. Joe Moore of the "Little Pete," spotted and baited the first swordfish of the tournament. Mr. Paul Leveten hooked and fought the fish for over a half hour. It appeared that Mr. Leveten had won his battle. The fish was alongside the boat, ready to be gaffed, when the hook pulled. Mike Volpe of Jamaica, N.Y. and Mr. Landsman of New York City both had fish on and both were lost. Many of the complaints centered around a half dozen large bodies of big bluefish offshore (12 to 18 lbs.) tearing up the big swordfish baits. On Sunday, Capt. Billy Holzman of the "Nitso" spotted 6 swordfish. He baited four but none of the fish were interested in the baits. The highlight on Sunday was when Mrs. Muriel Stein, fishing aboard her husband's boat "Nassau Miss," captained by Harry Clemenz, hooked and boated a 73 lb. school tuna while trolling for swordfish. There were over 100 sightings of swordfish during the three day meet; unfortunately none were boated. Present at the L.I. Tournament was Dr. Alexander of the Marine Lab at Montauk. He was hoping someone would bring in a swordfish to further his research on the mercurial contents.

Although the weather conditions were identical, the Shinnecock Swordfish Tournament had one swordfish on the dock. One of the hottest fishing boats for the past several years, "The Prowler," owned and captained by Ed Achter of the Moriches Anglers, had Mike Berman in the chair when a fish struck. After a see-saw battle, Mike wound up the winner, not only over the fish, but an armful of trophies, and giving the tournament win to the Moriches Anglers Club. The anglers of this tournament had the same complaints - "The bluefish are tearing our swordfish baits all to hell." There were several school tuna in the 70 lb. class brought to the dock. As the anglers were heading home you could hear them say, "Wait till next year!"

292 SHARKS TAKEN IN BAY SHORE MAKO TOURNAMENT

Another Mako tournament is in the record books, and lots of bathers are breathing much easier knowing that there are 292 less sharks in the ocean.

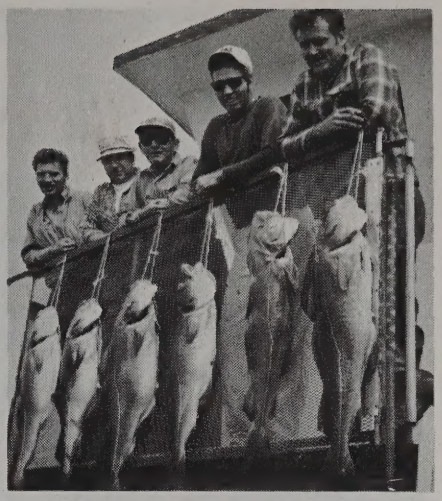
The winning club was the Oakdale Sportsmens Club with 1535 points. Second place went to the Tournament Anglers with 662 points and third place was taken by the East Bay Anglers with 422 points.

In the Mako class, Mrs. Jerri Kaich of Babylon was the first place winner with a 205 lb. Mako. There was a tie for second place between Sid Gold and Land Linstrom. Both had 176 lb. Makos. Jim Treagarten took third place with a 156 lb. Mako.

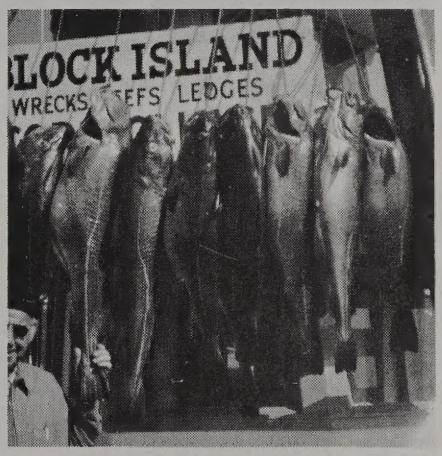
In the dusky class, Joe Mosone of Island Park was first with a 470 lb. dusky. Second was Vic Young of Bay Shore with a 428 lb. dusky and Dan Schmidt of Babylon was third with a 425 lb. dusky.

In the womens class, Jerri Kaich was first with her 205 lb. Mako; Joan Wiggins of Massapequa was second with a 131 lb. Blue shark and Betty Norton of Islip was third with a 130 lb. Blue shark.

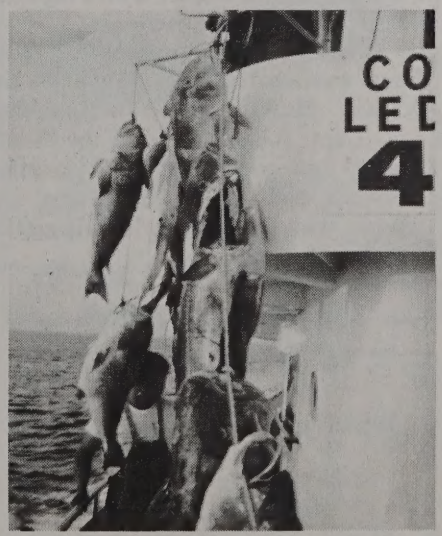
Also present were Dr. Jack Casey of the Naragansett Gamefish Laboratory, Dr. Alexander's crew from the Montauk Marine Laboratory and Dr. Sam Gruber of the Miami Oceanographics Laboratory. They were there to get eye specimens for retina studies. All in all it was a great tournament, as usual, and everyone is looking forward to next year.



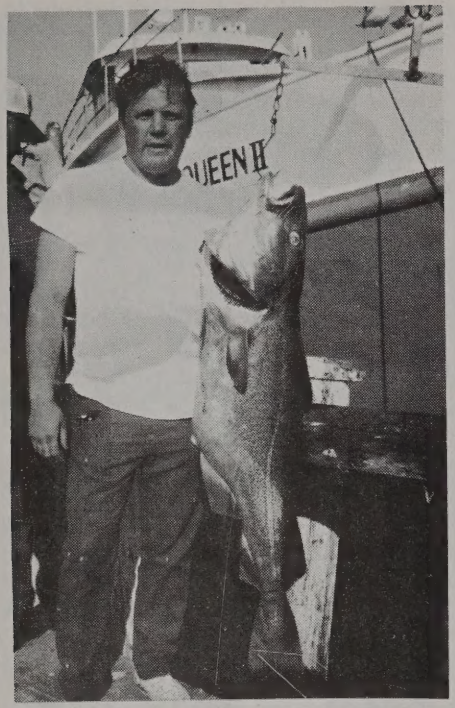
From left to right, Mike Blazejowski, Bill Clemens, Paul Keating, Jim Clemens and Norm Krumiech of Linden, N.J. display some of their lunkers on Wednesday's trip aboard the "Hel-Cat." The fish ranged from 26 to 38 pounds.



Capt. Richard Rade said the fishing aboard the "Marlin III" has been great with 8 to 10 fish per man, many in the 20 to 30 lb. class. Joe Bauer took the pool with a 52 lb. cod; he also had a 47 pounder.



Here is a photo of tilefish caught aboard the "Viking Star." Capt. Paul Forsberg said this scouting trip produced excellent catches of big tilefish.



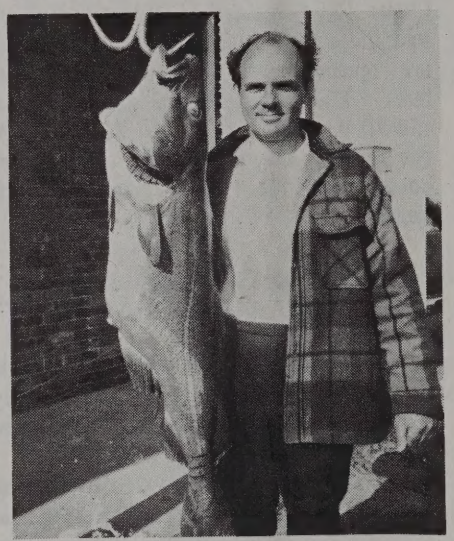
Tom Walkuski stands by his 42 lb. Coxes Ledge cod, caught aboard the "Peconic Queen II."

MONTAUK

The dockside visitors at Montauk were treated to some real fishing sights this past weekend as the Coxes Ledge boats returned to the docks with big fish hanging from their upper rails. The fish were in the 20 to 40 lb. class. Capt. Behan of the "Peconic Queen II" reports the fishing at Coxes Ledge was in good shape this past weekend. From all the big fish hanging on the boats it was a big improvement over the past two weeks. Sailing by the "Viking Star" as she approached Montauk Harbor, the upper rail was well decorated with big cod and I could see Capt. Forsberg with a big smile on his face.

The open boats fishing the Block Island area also did well with the cod and pollack. Blackfish added to the action.

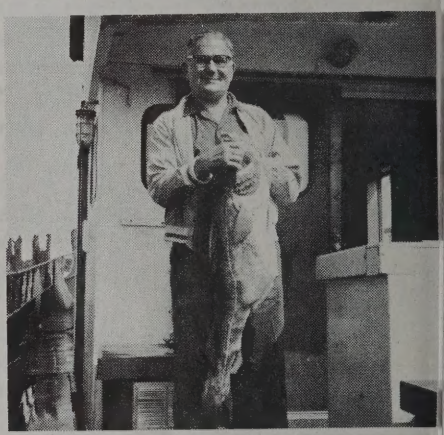
Capt. Johnny Rade of the "Little Marlin" had good catches of blackfish, flounders and cod. Mrs. Tuma also reports that the charter fleet is getting from 8 to 10 bass and 5 and 6 bluefish per boat. The bass run up to 12 lbs. and the blues are in the 5 to 8 lb. class. The big bodies of bluefish are about 20 miles off the Point. Some of the charter boats that made the run had as many as 75 blues to 14 lbs. The "Gannet II" also brought in a tuna in the 70 lb. class to the dock. Capt. Paul Sundberg, skipper of the charter boat "Montauk," reported that one of his anglers, Mrs. Marge Duffy, fought a winning battle with a 33½ lb. striper this past Saturday. There are several big bodies of big bluefish about 20 miles offshore. School tuna in the 70 lb. class also added to the action over the weekend.



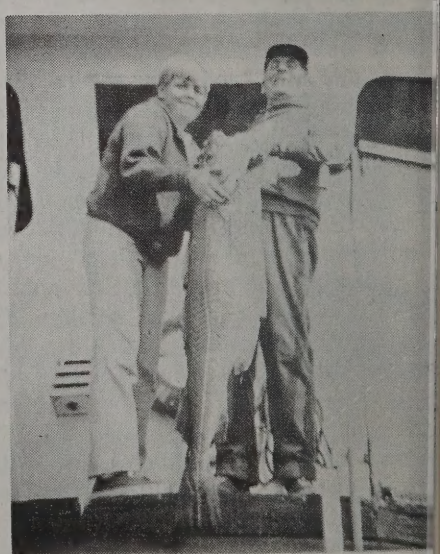
Joseph Colonna has a proud look posing with his pool winning 45 lb. codfish, taken aboard the "Peconic Queen II." They fished Coxes Ledge.

"Viking Star" pool winners from the last Andrea Doria trip pose with their prize winning fish. From left to right are Vincent Farmesano, Henry Spina, Bob Glover and John Giralamo.

Capt. Paul Forsberg, of the "Viking Star," helps his 9 year old son, Steven, hold up a large tilefish which the young lad brought to gaff. Capt. Forsberg said his prospecting trip was a huge success. They fished virgin wrecks and Capt. Paul said it was impossible to hit bottom through all the cod and pollack. Tilefish were also caught.



Joe Gondek won the honors with this 35 lb cod when Mom's Fishing Club of Wallington N.J. chartered the "Helen II" last Sunday.



There's no generation gap here! 12 year Chester Lojewski helps his uncle, Bonif Rock, of Brooklyn, display this 51 lb. which the 78 year old senior citizen cau aboard the "Hel-Cat."

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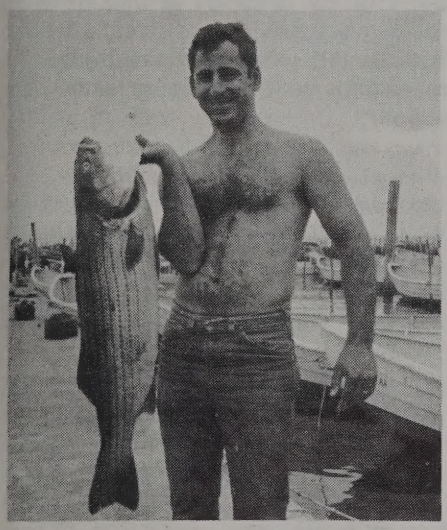
SAG HARBOR

Dan McLane of the Bayview Fishing Station reports that the weaks in the bay are in good numbers. Gurney Johnson of Sag Harbor has been getting from 8 to 15 weaks every morning and evening casting with a bucktail and a rubber worm. Weaks are also at South Ferry. Drifting with worms and squid is doing the job. A few sand porgies also add to the action. Stripers are also being taken at the South Ferry. Bud Maier of North Haven and Jake Early of Sag Harbor have been getting bass trolling with wire line. The fish range from 3 to 10 lbs.



Ed Weber of Glendale took this 22 lb. 12 oz. striped bass from the waters just inside Shinnecock Inlet. Photo by Bradley's Fishing Station.

This New Jersey trio, Sam Scardingo, John Rohweder and Jimmy Haack, ran out of bait before they ran out of fish. They caught 81 fluke averaging 3½ lbs. fishing out of Tony's Fishing Station in Hampton Bays.

Irving Inkier, Mike Margiotta and Marty Walker kneel over 73 weaks which were caught in Peconic Bay by drifting squid and sandworm baits. They said buoy 35 was a real hotspot. The trio fished out of Bradley's Fishing Station.

HAMPTON BAYS

Ted DiCastri of the Three Aces Fishing Center reported that the fluke fishing in the bay and the inlet area is at its best. Ted was fishing with his son at the inlet and they bagged 33 fluke and had only five keepers. The trollers are picking up bass in the inlet in the 10 to 12 lb. class.

Mickey Altenkirch of Altenkirch & Son Tackle reports that Capt. Clark Bellows, of the open boat "Capt. Clark," sailing out of the Canoe Place Dock, has been doing an excellent job on the weakfish for his anglers. A few porgies add to the action. There are weakfish in the Shinnecock Canal. A few snapper blues and some scattered kingfish add to the action for the dockside anglers.

Ernie Behrle of Bradley's Fishing Station reports that fluke fishing is in real fine shape. Herman Schuster of Flushing had 22 fluke. Spearing and squid will take them. Nat Goldfein had 35 weaks up to 2 lbs. off Buoy 35.

Frank Muller of Frank's Fishing Station reported that the fluke are very cooperative. Al Wagner of the Bronx had eight fluke from 3 to 5 lbs. Some of the boats had as many as ten fluke to 8 lbs. Big bluefish are offshore about 16 miles out. School tuna in the 70 lb. class have also taken residence about 20 miles offshore. Weakfish have been in good numbers off the National Golf Course. Blackfish are in good numbers off Robins Island. Jim Hardesty of Rochester, N.Y. had 21 blacks up to 6½ pounds.

MORICHES

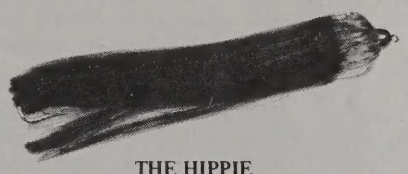
The Hi-Way Fishing Station reported that fluke are in good numbers. Walter Szalankwize of Flushing had 21 fluke from 2½ to 7½ lbs. All were taken on squid. Mr. & Mrs. Povolny and their son Bob, of Flushing, had 24 bass chumming at the Inlet Channel. Clam bellies did the trick.

Dolly Wachtel of the Dolly-O Fishing Station reported that Charles Miller, Sr. & Jr., of Glendale, along with John Litner bagged 140 flounders. Bill Astori had 6 fluke up to 7 lbs. at Buoy 5 and the old cut.

Nancy Skidmore of Skidmore's Fishing Station reported that Bernie Israel bagged a 13½ lb. fluke this past weekend. Herb Durch, Ed Carubis and Paul Mandale of Brooklyn had 10 fluke at buoy 36. One lone weakfish sneaked into the action.

Bob Seifert of the Silly Lily Fishing Station reported that Jerry Cassagne and Fred Tucker of Massapequa had 13 fluke to 7¼ lbs. Adam Agurkis and his wife, Stella, had 15 fluke on squid and spearing. Flounders are still in good numbers.

Chris Stuven and Henry Kuhland caught 8 fluke including a 13¾ lb. doormat. They fished out of Cerullo Bros. Fishing Station.



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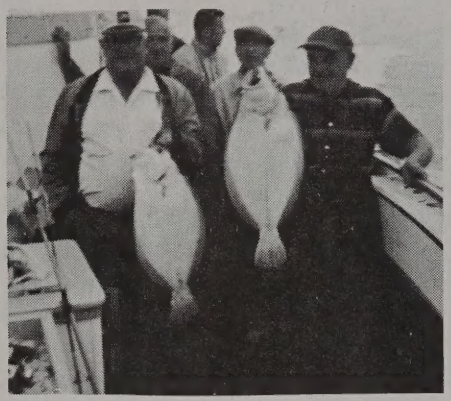
SAYVILLE

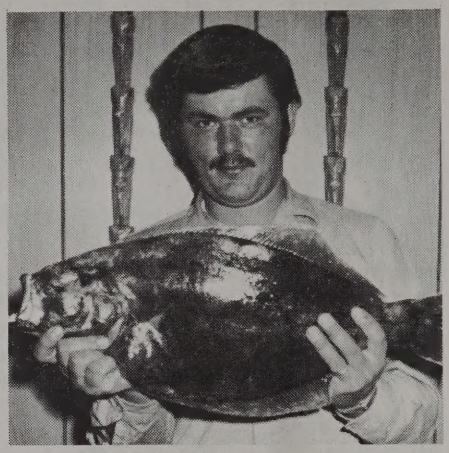
Vito Intini of the South Bay Fishing Station reports that the weakfish and kingfish have slowed down this past week. Good fluke fishing is available in the State Channel. Killies are doing the trick.



Tom Hogan (left) and Harry Hochstein pose with two nice fluke. Capt. John Gutman of Captree's "Angler" said the fluke fishing is good in the channels of Great South Bay.

CAPTREE

The Captree Bait Station reported that Robert Radamacher of Elmhurst weighed in a 9 lb. fluke, however, they failed to get the name of the boat it was caught on. Bob Schlinger of Babylon weighed in a 28 lb. striped bass which was taken from the beach at the inlet. Bill Mondin and Ed Pearsall called in and reported that they had 11 fluke between them aboard Capt. Ben Litwin's good ship of the same name. The big fish weighed in at 5½ lbs. Johnny Powers and Richie Moore, fishing aboard Capt. Rod's open boat, had a fine day with the fluke. They had 13 fluke between them and Richie had the big 5¼ pounder. The Capt. Joseph Fleet is now fishing for bluefish offshore. Andy Richter and Morgan Danes of New York City chummed 7 bass to 18 lbs. at the Robert Moses Bridge. Gene Murphy and Phil Stankie of Jersey City, fishing with Bob Linderholm of Jamaica, also chummed 8 bass at the Robert Moses Bridge. Bob also caught a 26 pounder at the Sore Thumb swimming a whole skimmer.



Richard Baltzer holds a 5½ lb. fluke which he caught inside Jones Inlet across from the Coast Guard Station.

BABYLON

Walter Schmidt of the Babylon Fishing Station reported that the boats trolling at the head of the creek were getting lots of weakfish in the 2 lb. class. The small Hopkins and Johnson Sprites are the enticers. Fluke are responding to killies and squid at Snake Hill Channel and off the lighthouse.

Jean Principe of Augie's Bait & Tackle reports that Stan Eisenberg, aboard "Al's Dream," had a 10 lb. 9 oz. fluke off the Coast Guard Station. Al Adalino, aboard the "Our Lady," bagged 37 bluefish at the Lightship Buoy, and Nick DiVito of Central Islip weighed in one of the choppers at 14 lbs. Elsie and Dick Purcelim, fishing aboard Capt. George Mc Cord's "Pompano," boated a 64 lb. tuna in 160 ft. of water 150° out of the Fire Island Inlet. Mr. Johnson of the South Shore Marlin and Tuna Club had 37 blues trolling the Berry jointed tube. Dan Schmidt of the Babylon Tuna Club bagged a 425 dusky shark aboard the good ship "Dock One."

SEAFORD

Lon Wanser of Wanser's Bait & Tackle reported that Rudy Maxwell chummed up 7 bass to 13 lbs. Fluke are in good numbers off Squaw Island. Weakfish are at Johnson Flats Creek. Squid and spearing will take these weaks and they are in the 2 lb. class.

Dell of Dell's Fishing Station reports that Wally Echland and Roy White of Levittown had six fluke to 3 lbs. in the State Channel. Fred Kleeman of Levittown had five fluke at the Wantagh drawbridge. Dell and his son had two bass in the 4 to 5 lb. class while trolling worms at the drawbridge. Dell also bagged a 15 lb. bass at the Sloop Channel Bridge at 1:00 a.m. on worms. Phillip Verdi of Wantagh had five fluke to 5 lbs. in the State Channel. Joe Corrillo and a friend caught flounders opposite the Jones Beach Fishing Pier. Blue claw crabs are showing in the bay.

WANTAGH

Frank Hecker of the Causeway Bait & Tackle reported that the fluke are in good numbers in the State Channel. One fluke tipped the scales at 7 lbs. 11 ozs. Some of the boats are getting up to 20 fluke. Kingfish are scattered. Striped bass are being taken at the bridges on sandworms and chumming with clam bellies.

FREEPORT

Capt. Jack's "Star Stream," fishing at the Acid Waters, had a field day with the bluefish. The fish ranged from 3 to 14 lbs. All the boats fishing for these blues had excellent catches. The average catch was better than 15 fish per angler.

John and Bill of Freeport Cold Storage report that there are lots of fluke in the Jones Inlet. Chumming for stripers at the bridges is paying off with fish in the 12 to 18 lb. class. Bill Stoffer of Freeport had three tuna. Two were in the 75 lb. class and the other tipped the scales at 45 lbs. The fish were taken in 140' of water southeast of Jones Inlet.

Sy Karlin, skipper of the "Blue Fin," had 13 employees of the Bank of Tokyo, N.Y. as his charter last Saturday. They used small tuna hooks baited with spearing to take 115 blues to 9½ lbs. from the southeast end of the Acid Waters. Mr. Nakajima was high hook with 15 blues.

POINT LOOKOUT

Ed Wardle of Ed's Fishing Station reports that fluke are in good numbers around the inlet. They run from 2 to 3½ lbs. and anglers are averaging 6 to 10 per boat. Blackfish are being taken at the Meadowbrook and Long Creek Bridges. Bluefish are being trolled at the Southeast Grounds and they are averaging from 3 to 5 lbs. Bob Rubin, Norman Landsburg and Dr. George Lowey of Long Beach chummed three bass from 25 to 30 lbs. and seven in the 10 to 20 lb. class. The fish were taken in the pocket off Lido Beach. Ken Stein of Merrick trolled a 38 lb. bass off Lido Beach with a bunker spoon.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Leon Miller of Henning's Fishing Station reports fluke fishing is good with the best

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catches coming from Reynolds Channel, Buoy 3 and the waters off the Coast Guard Tower. Artie Valenti and Bob Payne drifted the south side of the channel with squid and spearing baits for 25 fluke up to 2½ lbs. Tom Vohrer and Walter Miller scored with 14 fluke from 2 to 3 lbs. Some blackfish are being picked at the Silver Point Jetty and the Atlantic Beach Bridge. No real action there. At the bridge, striped bass are being chummed on clams. They are all schoolies. Slightly larger stripers are being taken on clam bellies on the east side of the Silver Point Jetty in an area known as "The Pocket." Ed Hoffman is netting his own bunker for big bass every day. His largest to date is a 38½ pounder. Ed is swimming his bunkers off Lido and Long Beaches and also off Riis Park. Those using bunker chunks are coming up with nice bluefish and weaks to 6¼ lbs. No one is really fishing for the weaks, yet they are caught. Ronnie Lepper, skipper of the "Kim," is scoring steadily with the big bass. Ronnie will soon be switching to shark fishing. Surfcasters are catching bass in the 8 to 12 lb. class, mostly on clam baits. There are also some kingfish in the surf. Bluefish are in solid at the Acid Waters. The average size blue is 4 to 6 lbs. with some choppers up to 12 lbs. Blue sharks are in thick in 90 feet of water or deeper on a course of 155° out of Debs Inlet. These blue sharks range in size from 75 to 100 lbs. Ronnie Kleinfield boated an 83 lb. blue shark on 20 lb. test line and light tackle.

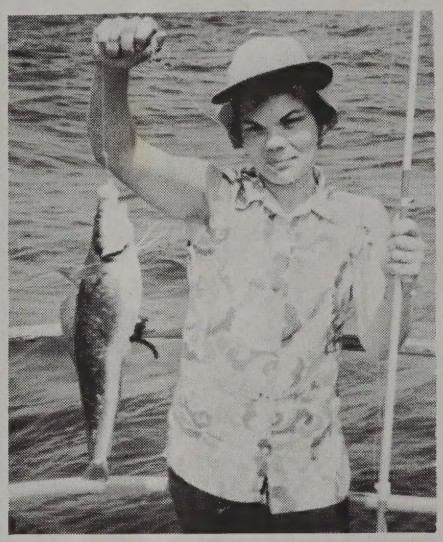
STATEN ISLAND

Lenny Killoran of Santo's Sport Shop reports small bluefish of 1 or 2 lbs. are being caught inside Great Kills Harbor. These blues are taking spearing baits, Rebel lures or any shiny tin lure. Off the jetty at Great Kills Park and off Annadale, the blues are somewhat bigger. They prefer cut mackerel baits out there. Bass fishing is on the quiet side at present with an occasional fish being taken. Some weakfish are being taken off the "Old Home Dock." Blue claw crabs are beginning to show.

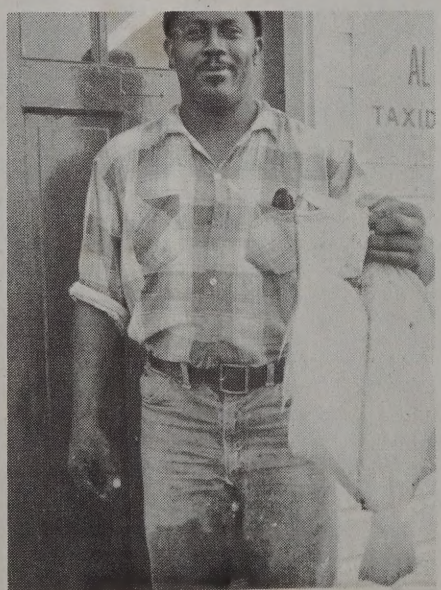
BROOKLYN

Mike Maffai of Mike's Bait & Tackle reports the Sheepshead Bay Fleet is scoring very well on bluefish at the Acid Waters. Most of the blues are 2 to 3 lbs. but every day a 10 to 15 lb. chopper takes the pool. Jerry Moskowitz weighed in a 10 pounder which he took at the Acid Stain. It was the largest of 17 for Jerry. Cow bass continue to be taken at the Hook on bunker spoons or fresh bunker at the Tin Cans. Clam chummers are taking schoolies. Blues and bass are mixed at Nortons Point. Fluke are being taken at the edges of Ambrose Channel.

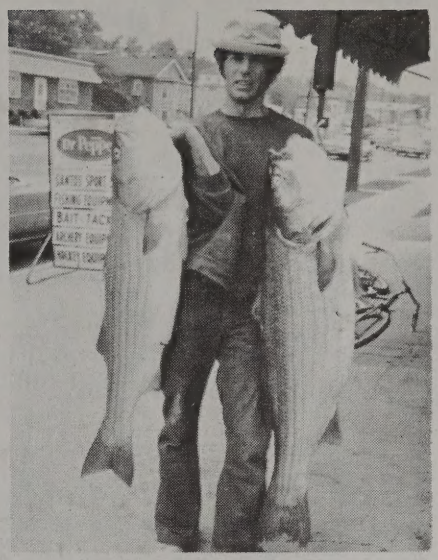
George Gnad of the Bay End Dock said fishing is excellent. They're bombing the bass at the Round House on clam chum. At the Tin Can Grounds the bass prefer trolled lures. Bingle Swimmers or bucktails with different colored pork rind is doing most of the catching. Fluke are in the bay. Tom and Joe Renner came in with over 60 fluke which they caught off Plum Beach. Bluefish pop up in different areas. Sometimes they show at the Tin Cans; other times they're off Manhattan Beach or Coney Island. Blue claw crabs have made their first showing.



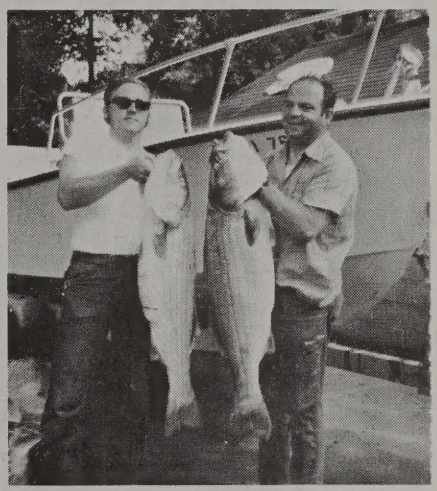
Joy Bohan caught this 3 lb. ling while fishing aboard the "Atomic" out of Sheepshead Bay.



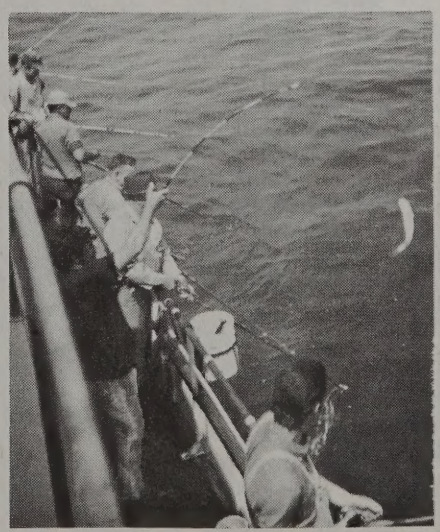
Julius Wallace caught a nice mess of fish including this 4¾ lb. fluke. He fished with Jimmy Williams out of Henning's Fishing Station. The hotspot was the waters off the Cedarhurst Yacht Club.



Bob Cali weighed this 38½ lb. and 57½ lb. monster bass at Santo's Sport Shop in Staten Island. Bob caught the big fish on bunkers at Sandy Hook.



Charles Rodriguez and Jerry Gomber hold 28½ and 45 lb. stripers. The big bass were taken on bunkers at Sandy Hook.



Mike Buoncecquista hauls a bluefish over the rail aboard the "Sea Horse" of Highlands, N.J. Capt. Bunting said the bluefishing is excellent.

HIGH TIDE TABLES

ADD 6 HOURS FOR LOW TIDE

SANDY HOOK

DAY	AM	PM
1-Thur.	2:12	3:00
2-Fri.	3:06	3:54
3-Sat.	4:00	4:48
4-Sun.	5:06	5:42
5-Mon.	6:06	6:30
6-Tues.	6:54	7:18
7-Wed.	7:42	8:00
8-Thur.	8:30	8:48

on SANDY HOOK

Long Island South Side

	h.	m.
Hempstead Bay		
Deep Creek Meadow	+1	02
Green Island	+1	22
Cuba Island	+1	08
Bellmore, Bellmore Creek	+1	29
Neds Creek	+0	50
Freeport Creek	+0	34
Freeport, Baldwin Bay	+0	38
Long Beach	+0	19
Long Beach, outer coast	- 0	29
Hempstead Bay Continued		
East Rockaway	+0	42
Woodmere, Brosewere Bay	+0	35
East Rockaway Inlet	- 0	06
Jamaica Bay		
Plumb Beach Channel	+0	03
Barren Island, Rockaway Inlet	- 0	00
Beach Channel (bridge)	+0	38
Motts Basin	+0	40
Norton Point, Head of Bay	+0	39
New York International Airport	+0	26
Grassy Bay (bridge)	+0	44
Carnarsie	+0	28
Mill Basin	+0	29
Coney Island	- 0	03
Norton Point, Gravesend Bay	- 0	03
Shinnecock Inlet (ocean)	- 0	50
Ponquogue Bridge, Shinnecock Bay	+1	25
Potunk Point, Moriches Bay	+3	35
Moriches Inlet	- 0	56
Mastic Beach, Moriches Bay	+3	28
Fire Island Breakwater	- 0	39
Democrat Point, Fire Island Inlet	- 0	38
Great South Bay		
Fire Island Light	+0	47
West Fire Island	+2	11
Point O' Woods	+2	28
Bellport, Bellport Bay	+3	44
Patchogue	+3	23
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3	39
Great River, Connetquot River	+3	20
Bay Shore	+2	23
Oak Beach	+2	24
Babylon	+2	12
Gilgo Heading	+2	23
Amityville	+2	21
Biltmore Shores, So. Oyster Bay	+2	05
Jones Inlet (Point Lookout)	- 0	19

WILLETS POINT

DAY	AM	PM
1-Thur.	5:48	6:24
2-Fri.	6:48	7:18
3-Sat.	7:54	8:12
4-Sun.	9:00	9:06
5-Mon.	9:54	9:48
6-Tues.	10:36	10:36
7-Wed.	11:18	11:18
8-Thur.	---------	12:01

on WILLETS POINT

Long Island Sound

	h.	m.
Port Chester	- 0	09
Rye Beach	- 0	14
Mamaroneck	- 0	08
New Rochelle	- 0	13
Davids Island	- 0	02
City Island	- 0	03
Throggs Neck	+0	02
Whitestone	+0	02
Old Ferry Point	+0	04
College Point, Flushing Bay	+0	20
Hewlett Point	- 0	03
Port Washington, Manhasset Bay	- 0	01
Execution Rocks	- 0	06
Glen Cove, Hempstead Harbor	- 0	11

BRIDGEPORT

DAY	AM	PM
1-Thur.	6:12	6:36
2-Fri.	7:06	7:30
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on BRIDGEPORT

Long Island Sound

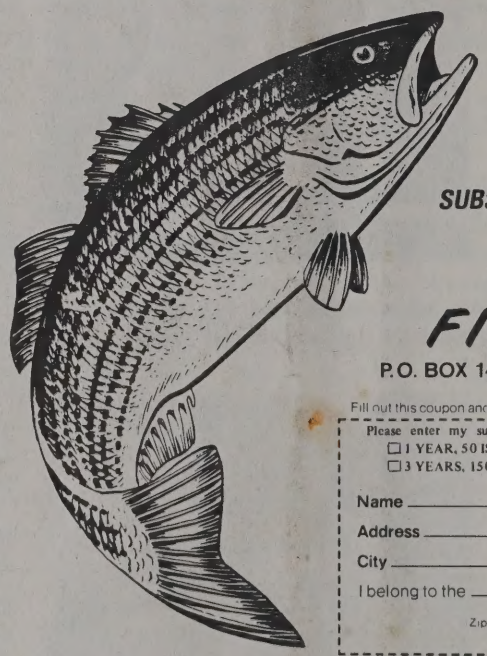
	h.	m.
Oyster Bay		
Oyster Bay Harbor	+0	04
Bayville Bridge	+0	09
Cold Spring Harbor	+0	04
Eatons Point	- 0	01
Lloyd Harbor ent. Huntington	- 0	01
Northport, Northport Bay	- 0	01
Nissequogue River entrance	- 0	07
Stony Brook, Smithtown Bay	+0	05
Stratford Shoal	- 0	09
Pt. Jefferson Harbor entrance	- 0	01
Port Jefferson	+0	02
Setauket Harbor	0	00
Conscience Bay ent. (Narrows)	+0	03
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0	05
Herod Point	- 0	11
Mattituck Inlet	+0	39
Horton Point	- 0	24
Truman Beach	- 0	46

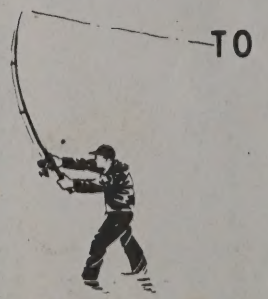
NEW LONDON

DAY	AM	PM
1-Thur.	4:24	5:00
2-Fri.	5:18	5:48
3-Sat.	6:12	6:30
4-Sun.	7:00	7:12
5-Mon.	7:48	7:54
6-Tues.	8:30	8:36
7-Wed.	9:18	9:24
8-Thur.	10:00	10:06

on NEW LONDON

	h.	m.
Plum Gut Harbor, Plum Island	+0	34
Little Gull Island	+0	17
Shelter Island Sound		
Orient	+0	41
Greenport	+1	09
Southold	+1	48
Noyack Bay	+2	10
Sag Harbor	+1	04
Cedar Island	+0	49
Peconic Bays		
New Suffolk	+2	31
South Jamesport	+2	37
Shinnecock Canal	+2	38
Three mile Hbr. ent., Gardiners Bay	+0	26
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	- 0	09
Montauk Harbor entrance	- 0	20
Montauk, Fort Pond Bay	- 0	24
Montauk Point, north side	- 1	08





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